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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A skin care composition comprising:
  - a) a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, and derivatives;
  - b) a safe and effective amount of one or more skin care active selected from the group consisting of sugar amine, vitamin B<sub>3</sub>, retinoid, peptide, phytosterol, butylated hydroxytoluene and butylated hydroxyanisole, their derivatives, and combinations thereof; and
  - c) a dermatologically acceptable carrier for the hexamidine and the skin care active.
2. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.0001% to about 25%, by weight, of the hexamidine compound.
3. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 0.001% to about 10%, by weight, of an additional skin care active selected from the group consisting of desquamatory actives, anti-acne actives, wrinkle repair actives, anti-oxidants, radical scavengers, chelators, anti-inflammatory agents, topical anesthetics, tanning actives, skin lightening agents, anti-cellulite agents, flavonoids, antimicrobial actives, antifungal actives, sunscreen actives, conditioning agents, and combinations thereof.
4. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition is an emulsion.

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5. (Original) The skin care composition of Claim 4 wherein the emulsion is selected from the group consisting of water-in-oil emulsions, oil-in-water emulsions, water-in-silicone emulsions, and combinations thereof.
6. (Original) A method of regulating the condition of mammalian keratinous tissue, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
7. (Original) A method of thickening the skin and/or preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin atrophy of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
8. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of spider vessels and/or red blotchiness on mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
9. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of dark, under-eye circles and/or puffy eyes, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
10. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sallowness of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
11. (Original) A method of preventing and/or retarding tanning of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.

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12. (Original) A method of desquamating, exfoliating, and/or increasing turnover in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
13. (Original) A method of regulating and/or reducing the size of pores in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
14. (Original) A method of regulating the oily and/or shiny appearance of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
15. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating hyperpigmentation, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
16. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating sagging of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
17. (Original) A method of softening and/or smoothing lips, hair and nails of a mammal, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the lips, hair, and nails of a mammal needing such treatment the composition of Claim 1.
18. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating itch of mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal needing such treatments the composition of Claim 1.
19. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating the appearance of fine lines and/or wrinkles in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment the composition of Claim 1.

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20. (Original) A method of preventing, retarding, and/or treating skin dryness in mammalian skin, said method comprising the step of topically applying to the skin of a mammal in need of such treatment, the composition of Claim 1.
21. (Original) The skin care composition of claim 1 comprising hexamidine, a sugar amine, and a vitamin B<sub>3</sub> compound.
22. (Original) The skin care composition of claim 21 wherein said sugar amine is N-acetyl glucosamine and said vitamin B<sub>3</sub> compound is niacinamide.
23. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 1 wherein said one or more skin care active is vitamin B<sub>3</sub>.
24. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 23 wherein said vitamin B<sub>3</sub> comprises niacinamide.
25. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 1 further comprising ascorbyl glucoside.
26. (New) A skin care composition comprising:
  - a) a hexamidine compound selected from the group consisting of hexamidine, its salts, and derivatives;
  - b) a vitamin B<sub>3</sub> compound;
  - c) a panthenol compound; and
  - d) a dermatologically acceptable carrier.
27. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 26 wherein said vitamin B<sub>3</sub> compound comprises niacinamide.
28. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 26 further comprising a vitamin E compound.

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29. (New) The skin care composition of Claim 28 wherein said vitamin E compound comprises tocopherol acetate.